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In re Application of: Axel Frohwein

Serial No: 10/651,077

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Title: "Weldring with Locking Arrangement for Valve Assembly"



Group Art Unit: 3753

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**AMENDMENT**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	<u>76</u>	minus <u>77</u>	= <u>0</u>	X \$50 =	\$ <u>.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>8</u>	minus <u>8</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$200 =	\$ <u>.00</u>
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)					\$ <u>.00</u>
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of _____,					
<b>PETITION</b> is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$120; 2 months \$450; 3 months \$1020; 4 months \$1590, 5 months \$2,160)					\$ <u>.00</u>
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00)					\$ <u>.00</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>					\$ <u>.00</u>
If "small entity" verified statement filed <input type="checkbox"/> previously, <input type="checkbox"/> herewith, enter one-half (½) of subtotal and <u>subtract</u>					\$ <u>.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>					\$ <u>.00</u>
Other: _____					\$ <u>.00</u>
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 9, 2005, Applicant proposes amending the above-captioned application as set forth below and respectfully requests consideration of the remarks that follow.